

ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

Lunch Reminder

As a gentle reminder, please do not send in fast food in lieu of a forgotten lunch.

Sports PIP Hours

As a clarification for *Parent Involvement Program* hours, parents of students participating in sports are required to perform four hours of service per student per sport. This is in addition to the 10 PIP hours that every family is required to perform.

Altar Server Training

Training for new altar servers is this Saturday, September 8 at 10:00 AM or Thursday, September 13 at 6:30 PM. Those interested along with a parent must attend ONE of the trainings. It will last approximately one hour. If you cannot attend either of these dates, please contact the Parish Center to leave your contact information.



Room Parents Needed

We are currently in need of room parents in the following classrooms: 401, 402, 601, and 801. If you are interested in filling this role, please return the room parent form that was sent home or email me as soon as you can. Thank you in advance for your service.

Pledging is Now Open!

For the past several years, we have partnered with Boosterthon to fundraise for our school. This is a unique opportunity for our students to learn character lessons, engage in physical activity, and raise money for our school. Our Boosterthon is scheduled to begin on September 10 with the actual run on September 19.





Recess Supervision

We are still in need of an additional helper for recess supervision on Thursdays from 11:30-12:10. Please contact Jessa Leslie at jandjleslie@hotmail.com if you can help out. This is a tuition assistance program.

Restaurant Nights

For Grandparents' Day on September 21, there will be a restaurant fundraiser at Mother's.

Run for Charity

The Knights of Columbus will hold their second 5K Mark Bancroft Run for Charity on Saturday, October 6. Entry fee for each runner is \$30 in advance and \$35 on the day of the race. For further information, please contact either Phil Brink at 630-947-9489 (ptbrink@att.net) or Rick March at 708-466-2593 (richardmarch2@aol.com). The registration link is <https://www.raceentry.com/races/mark-bancroft-memorial-runwalk/2018/register>.

This fundraiser is so much fun for our students! We usually profit over \$20,000 for our school with your help. The Boosterthon works like this: students ask parents, grandparents, other relatives, friends, and neighbors for pledges for how many laps they can complete on the Fun Run track. Typically, students complete 35 laps (it's a small track.) There are different levels of prizes that students can earn as they get their pledges. Classes also compete to earn classroom prizes as their classroom levels increase. This is an optional fundraiser but every child gets to participate in the Fun Run regardless of pledge level. Please look at the attached flyer with more explanation.

It's Raining It's Pouring

Today was our first day of drop off during inclement weather. Since we live in the Midwest, it's bound to happen again! While we don't have the student helpers outside during bad weather, please continue to pull as far forward as you can just as you do on a nice weather day. We have school doors open on either end of the new wing so students do not have to run so far in the pouring rain or freezing cold. Please do not drop off anywhere on Russell. Drop off does not begin until after you round the curve onto Lakewood.

If you have a little one in a car seat, please consider using the front parking lot because we don't have student helpers. It will make the line move more quickly in the back. You can walk the little ones across the street at the corner of Kensington and Russell. They can use the front entrance as the bus students do. We will have our 8th graders escort them to their rooms from the front lobby.

The most important virtue during inclement weather is patience. Expect delays. But if you can leave a few minutes earlier than usual that will make your drop off experience more pleasant.

Tradition Updated

Family Fun Fest is back! HSA will be hosting Family Fun Fest again this year on Saturday, February 2. This will be a day filled with games and fun for the kids. The committee is looking for volunteers to help in the planning and execution of this enjoyable family event. Please contact Margaret Vagnoni at margaretvagnoni@gmail.com or 630-248-8142 if you'd like to volunteer.

Fun and Games

Please plan to join us for our first fundraiser of the year. The third annual Trivia Night will be held this year on September 29 in the Pine Room at Bliss Creek Golf Course from 6 - 10 PM. The cost is \$25 per person or \$250 for a team of ten. You can sign up as an individual or as a team. The price includes dinner and limited beer and soft drinks. Flyers are due back to the office by September 21. Space is limited, so sign up early to guarantee your spot!

Are you looking for a way to advertise your company? If so, the Trivia Night Committee is looking for business sponsorships. The cost is \$100. This sponsorship includes business advertisement, a shout-out at the event, and a Facebook thank you. There are also sponsorships available to offset the costs of appetizers and pizza. These are \$10 and \$20 respectively. Please return the forms that were sent home via backpack.

Finally, there are additional fun ways to win at our Trivia Night. Buy a square to win four Blackhawk tickets with a parking pass and four passes to the Ketel Club on Sunday, October 28 at 5 PM. Each square is only \$20 and only 50 squares will be sold. Please contact Myra Michels at MYRARN15@comcast.net. You can also buy a raffle ticket for your chance to win two tickets to the Seraphim Ball (a \$200 value) for just \$10 apiece. The raffle winner will be drawn at Trivia Night. You need not be present to win either prize.

Any questions can be directed to Beth Christoffel at elizabeth.a.christoffel@gmail.com.

For the Very First Time

The Seraphim Ball is our largest and most spectacular fundraiser. This year it will be held on February 9. Starting October 1, you will be able to purchase your Seraphim Ball Early Bird tickets online. You will also be able to choose your seating arrangements online as well as purchase sponsorships. This will create an electronic advertising page for all of our families to view.

Thank you to all of the 3rd & 4th grade parents who have stepped up to help with Seraphim Ball. We are still in need of volunteers to sell tuition raffle tickets on Grandparents' Day and at the Christmas Program. We could also use some additional help reaching out to local businesses for a donation or an advertisement.

Showcasing Our Sports Stars

Holy Angels Sports has a new Facebook page devoted to showcasing our sports stars. You can find the page at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Angels-Catholic-School-Sports-847044162353016/>.

Next Week at a Glance

Monday - Boosterthon Begins

Tuesday -

Wednesday -

Thursday - Room Parent Meeting 2:00

Friday - Mass 8:15

Saturday - 8th Grade Parent Retreat for Confirmation 9:00 Connor Hall

Bringing Home the Faith

“Children are a gift from the Lord. They are a reward from him.” Psalm 127:3

It's that time of year again when many of us are sending our kids back to school. And whether it's their first or twelfth year in the classroom, it's not uncommon for them to feel anxious. There are so many unknowns that await them - new teachers, possibly new friends, a new routine, a harder schedule, or maybe even a new school. Our kids may not realize it, but these are all character-building milestones, and really nothing to fear at all.

Parents, on the other hand, are well aware of the more treacherous hazards they may face: making friends with the wrong crowd; being the victim of bullying; getting exposed to drugs or alcohol to name a few.

There are so many things for our kids to look forward to each school year, yet many to be cautious of as well. Most of us do everything we can to ensure our kids are well-prepared for what they might encounter, but it's helpful to remember that they are also in God's hands.

Therefore, one of the best things we can do for our kids now and in every season of life is to pray for them.

Pray for their strength and courage. Throughout their school-aged years, our kids will face all kinds of peer pressure. Standing up to this pressure is incredibly difficult for any child. Pray that they will be strong enough to do the right thing no matter what. “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

Pray for their protection. Whether it be bullying, an accident on the playground or field, or violence in school or on the bus, our kids live in an increasingly unsafe world. Pray that the Lord will keep them safe and free from harm. “He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.’” Psalm 91:1-2

Pray for their wisdom and compassion. Whether they're confronted with an opportunity to console a sad friend, befriend someone eating alone at the lunch table, or simply knowing when to remain silent, pray that the Lord will help them recognize and understand these moments for what they truly are. “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32

And **pray for their joy.** Every day is an opportunity for them to learn and grow, but that's difficult to do if they routinely feel unhappy. Pray that God fills their hearts and minds with a joy only the Lord can provide. Pray that they might be a light to their friends, teachers, school staff, and bus drivers. “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” Romans 15:13

This week look for opportunities to discuss these principles with your kids. Then continue to pray these things for them, and know that they are true for you as well.

Mark Henderson, Founder of The Inspired Legacy

*Mass Times: Saturdays 4:30
Sundays 6:45, 8:00 (Extraordinary Form, Latin, 1st & 3rd Sundays), 9:30, 11:00*

*Confession Times: Sunday after 9:30 Mass
Tuesday after 8:00 Mass
Wednesday 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Friday after 6:30 AM Mass
Saturday after 8:15 Mass and 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM*

Mission Statement

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Holy Angels School is committed to spiritual formation, which nurtures the Catholic faith and inspires its practice. It is committed to academic excellence, which fosters the growth of each individual. Holy Angels School strives to meet the intellectual, social, and ethical challenges of living in a technological, global, and culturally diverse society.